

REMARKS

This case is on appeal. Applicant requests that the Notice of Appeal be withdrawn so that the examiner can consider the enclosed amendment.

Applicant thanks Examiner Perez-Daple for his willingness to consider the amended claims presented herewith. Applicant understands that a further search may be required.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Salai', written over a horizontal line.

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